

WORK OF THE EXCISE BOARD.

The Saloons Licensed and Their Location.

The Board Refuses Many Old Saloons, Renews a Number of Old Applications and Grants Licenses to Several New Applicants to Open New Saloons in Different Parts of the City—McCorrigan Refused Twice on Account of the Location.

The Excise Board began the granting of licenses on April 11, and continued almost every day till May 1, during which time forty-three licenses were granted, eight refused. Of those refused two were against the same person, but at two different places.

The following applications were renewed:

Fred Steinbocker, 302 Fourth avenue, n. e.

H. B. Oliver, 27 Salem avenue.

J. W. Wilson, 121 Norfolk avenue. J.

Stevens, 203 Norfolk avenue.

L. Delaney, 37 Salem avenue.

J. O. Hanes, Jefferson street.

Nicholas & Woodward, Salem avenue.

Owen Buggan, Salem avenue.

Joseph Lawson, Jefferson street.

G. F. Payne, Jefferson street.

W. H. Felix, Hotel Felix.

J. T. Jones, White Elephant, Nelson street.

H. Geismar, 59 Salem avenue.

H. B. Chewing, 37 Norfolk avenue.

J. F. Marshall, 15 Salem avenue.

Joseph E. Adams, 103 Norfolk avenue.

Fred E. Foster, Hotel Roanoke.

O. K. Smith, 18 Salem avenue.

M. J. Kelly, Stock Yard Hotel.

F. J. Peters & Bro., corner of Kimball and Seventh avenue n. e.

George Fell, 111 Norfolk avenue.

B. O. Mays, 115 Norfolk avenue.

J. C. Poteet, 41 Salem avenue.

A. A. Levy, 23 Campbell street.

Frank Curran, 119 Norfolk avenue.

C. S. Thompson, 10 Nelson street.

J. S. Breslin, 20 Salem avenue.

Pettis & Parker, Ninth avenue n. e.

C. G. Smith, Ponce de Leon.

P. Carr, Shenandoah avenue.

J. A. Cannon, 15 Norfolk avenue.

N. Corrigan, corner of Norfolk avenue and Randolph street.

Mary Robinson, 123 Norfolk avenue.

E. W. Spangler, 14 Salem avenue.

R. Oppenheim, 117 Commerce street.

W. H. Wainwright, 129 Norfolk avenue.

Charles Brown, Wayside Inn.

The following new licenses were granted:

C. L. Patterson, No. 1 Commerce street.

W. G. Baughman, 33 Salem avenue.

J. C. Puckett, 21 Norfolk avenue.

Michael Morgan, 11 Norfolk avenue.

W. H. Wainwright, 129 Norfolk avenue.

A. L. Moore, 101 Norfolk avenue.

The following applications were refused:

A. L. Moore, West Campbell street.

J. D. Rose, 21 Norfolk avenue.

N. Corrigan, 501 Commonwealth avenue.

L. W. Queitch, Wayside Inn.

J. B. McGraw, corner of Commonwealth and Seventh avenues n. e.

Hairston & Chambers, 24 Railroad avenue.

E. B. Huddleston, 139 Norfolk avenue.

THE POSTOFFICE.

The Monthly Receipts Still Show a Gradual Increase.

The total receipts of the Roanoke postoffice for the month of April was \$3,149.73 from the sale of stamps, and \$383 for box rent, making a total of \$3,532.73, against a total of \$3,567.33 for March. Notwithstanding that this statement shows a decrease in April of \$34.60, an increase in the business of the office is really indicated. The receipts for each month is an average of over \$100 per day and March was one day longer than April.

Besides, March was a heavy month because many of the banks and other institutions purchased their quarterly supplies, considerably increasing the receipts.

The report of the chief of the letter carriers shows that there was delivered 477 registered letters, 61,033 letters, 11,790 postal cards, 29,575 newspapers and packages. The carriers collected 9,294 local letters, 28,126 mailing letters, 2,007 local postal cards, 4,136 mailing postal cards and 1,761 papers and packages. The total number of packages handled was 147,802.

How About the Back Yards?

The mayor has caused a commotion among the merchants. Notices were sent out yesterday by a policeman requesting them to move the packing boxes in their rear yards within 24 hours. Many of them claim that they will not do so, and are laughing about the matter, saying that their back yards and the goods boxes are private property, and that so long as the same is not a nuisance, they have violated no ordinance. One merchant told a TIMES reporter that he would make a test case of the matter.

A Suit for \$10,000 Damages.

G. F. King's administrator has entered suit in the Hustings Court against Nicholas & Woodward for \$10,000. Messrs. Hoge & Wright are the attorneys for the plaintiff. King is a colored man who fell into a hole at the new building now being erected by the defendants at the corner of Salem avenue and Commerce street. He claimed that he fell over some obstruction placed there by the builders, and received wounds. In a short time King died. The papers were filed in the clerk's office yesterday.

THE TIMES is the leading paper of the mineral belt of the two Virginias. If you want to keep posted on the development of this section you cannot afford to be without

THE CITY COUNCIL.

Matters of Interest for To-Morrow Night's Meeting.

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the City Council to-morrow night will have plenty of business to handle. Aside from the regular monthly reports of officers, the contemplated public improvements will engage the attention of the Council. The chairman of the fire and water committee is expected to report to the meeting on the electric fire alarm system. While this matter will be discussed, it is probable that no definite action will be taken.

The heads of the Fire Department will probably make a statement of their views regarding the system best adapted to its needs. The bids of the competing companies will be opened. The whole subject will then probably be referred to the fire and water committee to make further investigation. For some inscrutable reason the committee of electricians who were requested to examine into the merits of the various systems exhibited here are not expected to report until after the Council meeting, though it would seem plain that their expert testimony is the main thing needed to enable the Council to arrive quickly at a conclusion.

Bids will be opened for walling Lick run and for leasing the Opera House for the ensuing year. Specifications will be submitted for paving Jefferson street. A resolution will probably be introduced giving T. S. Kennedy the privilege of taking water from Lick run for street sprinkling purposes.

It is to be presumed that the finance committee will be expected to report progress regarding the printing of the city bonds and negotiations for their sale.

The sewerage question is gradually assuming shape. The West system has made a good impression, but the Council will make a rigid investigation of the claims under which the West system patents operate. The system is in many points similar to those used in several cities on the continent of Europe for many years.

A NOTABLE PARTY.

Edward Atkinson and Other New England Capitalists to Arrive in Roanoke To-day.

Edward Atkinson, of Boston, the well-known statistician and writer on economics, will arrive in Roanoke this afternoon on a special car, with a party of bankers and capitalists from New England, by way of Lynchburg. The party will spend Sunday night and Monday here, and at Salem, inspecting both places. From there they will go to visit Pocahontas, Saltville and Bristol. Vice-President Edly will accompany them. Their visit is to study the resources of Virginia and Tennessee.

From Bristol the party will go to Big Stone Gap, Johnson City and the Cranberry mines, Knoxville, Middleborough, Jellico, Harrison, Cardiff, Rockwood, Chattanooga, South Pittsburg and the Sequatchee Valley, and will finally return to Washington after visiting Chattanooga and Asheville.

In this trip Mr. Atkinson will follow the lines of the territory which he has aptly described as the future iron situs of the South. This is his fourth visit to the South.

AN OPEN AIR CONCERT.

Of Sacred Music to be Given by the Roanoke Machine Works Band.

The Roanoke Machine Works Band recently organized with John J. Keeley as leader will make its first appearance under his direction this afternoon. A free open air concert will be given from the band stand of Hotel Roanoke at 3:30 o'clock. Sacred music will be rendered.

The following is the programme: Sunday March, "I Love to Tell the Story.".....Warren Solitude.....Mercadante "Safe in the Arms of Jesus".....Keller Cornet solo.....Thomas McVeigh Gloria from the 12th mass.....Mozart "Herald Angels," sacred potpourri.....Beyer Serenade.....Missus Selection.....Bennett Fantasia on Moody and Sankey's hymns.....Rollinson

After Ross' Money.

Papers were served on Chief Morris yesterday afternoon by W. A. Glasgow, jr., attorney for G. S. Tollett and Lewis Sanger, giving him notice that the money taken from the body of C. F. Ross belonged to them, and that proceedings would be instituted to recover same. The Chief said to a TIMES reporter that he would pay no attention to such notices; that an administrator would have to be appointed by the court before any one could get possession of it.

The Billiard Tournament.

The following is the score of the games of the billiard tournament at Rice's yesterday:

Weaver, 100; Chatam, 47; Woodrum, 46; Jordan, 100; Hammond, 100; Simmons, 71; Woodrum, 37; Weaver, 70; Pope, 100; Grielder, 70; Pope, 100; Snyder, 33; Hammond, 100; Picken, 92; Colman, 100; Betts, 70.

The Chief Gives Orders.

Chief Morris gave instructions yesterday afternoon that all officers who had or might be hereafter appointed to do special work by any city officer, should bring written orders to police headquarters, otherwise he would be marked absent at roll-call should he fail to be present.

Investigating the West System.

A number of the City Council visited the rooms of Mr. J. J. Deery at Hotel Roanoke yesterday afternoon and listened to a minute explanation of the merits of the West system of handling sewage

WHO HAS WON IN THE STRIKE?

Carpenters and Contractors both Claim the Victory.

Men Still Out, the Union Claiming that the Remainder of the Union Men are at Work at their Own Terms—Contractors Say That they are not in the Least Affected, and are Working Ten Hours a Day—Each Side Takes Its View as a Sign of Its Own Success.

The Carpenters and Joiners held a meeting yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock. About forty members were present. Matters relative to the strike were discussed, but nothing was made public.

A TIMES reporter questioned them as to the situation, but all the facts that could be gleaned was that they had succeeded. They would not tell the name of any contractor who had acceded to their demands, but said quite a number were on their side.

The committee appointed to investigate the situation said yesterday evening that the men employed by the Cold Storage Company had also succeeded. They say that Mr. Brown, the foreman, while not a union man, has union principles, and is working the union men but nine hours, while the non-union men are compelled to work ten hours.

There were twenty-nine men who quit work because they could not get their demands. They are still out, but expect to get work in a short time.

The Master Builders' Association say the strike is a failure, so far as the demand for nine hours is concerned. The association controls fifteen firms at the present time. Of this number Shockey & Gladden lead the list with about forty men. Only four of their men belonged to the union. Mr. Shockey is president of the association. He said to a TIMES reporter yesterday that the union men could not succeed. The firms who refused to accede to their demands were, as a general thing, old and established in the city. They gave their men work the year around, and would continue to employ none but men who would work ten hours. The firms who work nine hours can not compete with them in prices. In fact the firms who work ten hours will always have preference when houses are to be let to contract.

This was the view of nearly every contractor who is doing a large amount of work. There are some contractors who have acceded to the demands of the union. Among them Gardner & Curry, E. Grove and Ford. Thus the matter stands.

A careful estimate shows that there are about 100 union men at work in the city.

This estimate is arrived at by interviews with the carpenters. The contractors place the amount at something less than this.

The Master Builders' Association have more than 120 men employed. There are also a number of firms outside of the association who work ten hours a day that employ about 100 men. The amount may even be larger than this.

The view taken by most people is that the demand for nine hours has been a failure.

Contractors predict that in less than thirty days all firms will be working ten hours. There are some of the union men who make these concessions, but the promoters of the movement are firm in the conviction that they have succeeded. They have a few men out of employment, the remainder have succeeded in getting what they asked for and are at work. They consider this a signal victory.

It was reported yesterday that some contractors had sent out of town for men, but on investigation the report proved groundless, as a large number of men were applying for work all day.

Capt. T. C. Oakley works 31 men, including only two union men, who have not left him. He pays his men from \$1.50 to \$3 a day according to skill and works 10 hours. He believes in paying mechanics every cent they are worth, but will not be forced to pay them more. The talk about not being able to get men, and good men, is all nonsense, as he has an application from North Carolina for employment for 22 good workmen. As far as I am concerned I would know nothing about the "strike," if it was not for the newspapers.

E. Mahoney, of E. Mahoney & Bro., said: "The strike has not hurt us in the least, and the Master Builders' Association is stronger than ever. We have the support of every man who contemplates building to any extent. If the demands of the strikers were to prevail there would be very little building in Roanoke this year, and people are not prepared to accept them for this as well as other reasons."

Night School to Close.

The night school, which has been held three nights in the week at the First ward school building for industrial and technical instruction, will close Monday night. Prizes which have been offered through the generosity of some public spirited ladies will be presented, and all the pupils are expected to submit samples of their work in drawing. The parents of the pupils are invited to be present.

Purses Increased.

The programme of the races for the spring meeting, as published in THE TIMES Friday, has been corrected. The purse of the one-mile hurdle race on Thursday, May 28, has been increased from \$100 to \$150, and the purse for the free for all trotting race was increased from \$300 to \$400.

Roanoke Wins.

Roanoke and Salem crossed bats again yesterday afternoon. The game was a slight improvement on the last one played, the score standing 18 to 10 in favor of Roanoke.

IMPORTANT DECISION

A Maryland Court Defines the Nature of a Land Option.

HAGERSTOWN, Md., May 2.—[Special]—A case in which considerable interest has been taken by the people of Hagerstown was decided by Judge Alvey yesterday. It involved the construction of an option obtained upon some land near the town by the Hagerstown Mining, Manufacturing and Land Improvement Company. On the 22nd of March, 1890, the Land Improvement Company entered into an agreement with Alfred V. Barr for the purchase of his farm, containing 120 acres of land, near Hagerstown, with the modification in the contract that the improvement company promised to pay Mr. Barr one hundred dollars cash per acre when the land was sold by the improvement company, at which time Mr. Barr agreed to give a good and sufficient deed for the land to such parties as the improvement company should direct. Mr. Barr received no consideration for the option, and one clause of the contract stated that the contract was to be void after April 1, 1891.

The improvement company did not sell the land, but on the 21st of March they took to Mr. Barr \$12,000 in gold and requested him to make a deed to them, which he refused to do. On the 11th of last November Mr. Barr filed a bill in equity, alleging that the contract was void because it created a cloud on the title of the land, and was not binding on the improvement company for the reason that they gave no consideration for their option on the land. The bill prayed for a removal of the cloud on the title and that the defendants be restrained from using the contract. The court in passing upon the question said that the sale was not an absolute one; that under the contract the improvement company was simply acting as the agent of Mr. Barr and could not enforce the specific performance of the contract.

By offering to pay the purchase money the defendants treated the farm as sold to them, but this they could not do. This was not the contract, and the defendants have no power to change it. The agreement to be such as may be specially enforced, must be, at the time it was made, reasonable and fair, and not subject to the objection of want of mutuality of obligation. This agreement by its own limitations has become null and void from the inherent defects in the agreement. From the commencement it was not enforceable by a court of equity, and therefore it should not be allowed to rest as a cloud upon the title of plaintiff. "I will sign a decree declaring the agreement null and void and that the defendant be restrained from any attempt to use it," said Judge Alvey.

Baseball Yesterday.

At Cleveland—Cleveland, 12; Cincinnati, 7. Batteries—Gruber and Doyle; Mullane and Harrington.

At Boston—Boston 6, Washington 1. Batteries—Haddock and Murphy; Bakely and McGuire.

At Philadelphia—Athletics 5, Baltimore 6. Batteries—Weyhing and Cross; McMahon and Robinson. Philadelphia 6, New York 8. Batteries—Kilroy, Gleason, Brown and Gray; Rusie and Ewing.

At Cincinnati—Cincinnati, 12; St. Louis, 5. Batteries—Meins, Kelly and Vaughan; Griffith and Boyle.

At Brooklyn—Brooklyn, 4; Boston, 1. Batteries—Lovetts and Dally; Nichols and Ganzel.

At Columbus—Columbus, 7; Louisville, 6. Batteries—Easton and Donahue; Doran and Cook.

A New England Earthquake.

Woburn, Mass., May 2.—[Special]—Woburn, North Woburn, Burlington, Winchester, North Winchester and Stoneham, were all visited by an earthquake last evening and, though no damage was done, the shock was quite heavy in some places. Dishes and windows were rattled, and in a few cases houses were shaken so violently as to stampede the inmates.

Nashua, N. H., May 2.—[Special]—

An earthquake shock was noticed in the northern portion of the city last night, causing a sickening vibration but doing no damage.

Specie Exports.

New York, May 2.—[Special]—The exports of specie from the port of New York during the week amounted to \$4,653,629, of which \$1,470,770 was in gold and \$2,852,859 in silver. Of the total exports \$1,430,000 in gold and \$223,770 in silver went to Europe, and \$223,770 in gold and \$20,259 in silver to South America and West Indian points. Imports of specie for the week amounted to \$18,090, of which \$7,942 was in gold and \$11,057 in silver.

The Grip in England.

LONDON May 2.—[Special]—The influenza is spreading rapidly in London. Many barristers and officials of law courts have been attacked by the disease and it is spreading among members of the houses of lords and commons.

At Woolwich arsenal so many of the workmen are suffering that work there is greatly interfered with. At Leicester the disease has appeared in a serious form, at Widnes, Lancashire the influenza has developed into an epidemic of dangerous and peculiar type.

Lyle in Ashes.

AUSTIN, Minn., May 2.—[Special]—Fire broke out at Lyle this morning and at 1:30 this afternoon was still raging with two-thirds of the business houses in ashes. The Milwaukee depot has burned and the Kansas City station is threatened.

A Rumor of Petroleum.

RICHMOND, May 2.—[Special]—It is claimed that petroleum was discovered here to-day in the foundation for a pump just east of the town.

NEWS OF THE STRIKE ABROAD.

Ten Thousand Carpenters Meet and Resolve in London.

Thirty Thousand Miners and Four Thousand Iron Workers Strike in Belgium. The Police and Gendarmes Hold the Strikers Down in Rome—Several Men Killed in the Fourmies Riot.

LONDON, May 2.—[Special]—Ten thousand carpenters and joiners met to-day in Hyde park in support of 4,000 members of these trades who went out on a strike to-day for 47 hours work per week and 10 pence (20 cents) per hour as wages. The speakers who addressed the meeting declared that the strikers had plenty of money, and that they did not stand in any fear of the "scabs."

BRUSSELS, May 2.—[Special]—In spite of the manifesto issued by the council of the workingmen's party urging workingmen not to go out on a strike pending the decision of the chamber in regard to the demands being made throughout Belgium for universal suffrage, 30,000 miners and 4,000 iron workers in the Charleroi mining districts have struck work. At Liege numbers of people who are out of work attempted to-day to march in procession through the streets but were prevented from so doing by the police. Several riots occurred. The police used batons freely and made many arrests.

ROME, May 2.—[Special]—Two hundred persons were placed under arrest in connection with the Labor Day disorders here. Several gendarmes, wounded yesterday while the police were quelling the riot, died this morning. A number of men engaged in the building trades went on strike to-day. They show a disposition to engage in dangerous demonstrations, but the police immediately disperses any gatherings.

PARIS, May 2.—[Special]—At Fourmies last evening about 1,200 strikers armed with revolvers and sticks engaged in a riot, intimidating the men who refused to go out and attacking the town hall. The mob was repulsed by a regiment of soldiers, three men being killed and a large number wounded.

THE STATE DEBT QUESTION.

Rumors of a Speedy and Satisfactory Settlement Afloat at Richmond.

RICHMOND, Va., May 2.—[Special]—It looks now as if the Virginia debt is to be settled at last. Governor McKinney to-day received a letter from the New York committee on the Virginia debt asking for an interview, which the Governor granted. It is probable that, in this interview, the Olcott committee desire to explain to Governor McKinney the practical aspect of the plan agreed upon by the committee several months ago, and which, it is said, the foreign council of bondholders has approved.

This afternoon Senator Henry Wickham, a member of the Legislature debt commission, and Mr. Thomas Martin, of Albemarle, a member of the Democratic Executive Committee, had a long talk with the Governor. It is understood that the debt question was discussed. The resolution under which the legislative debt commission was raised does not authorize those gentlemen to consider any proposition exceeding the terms of the Riddleberger act.

The question though, is whether it is intended to limit the commission to original act as it has been amended in recent years. If it construed to mean the latter it will make a difference of about six million dollars, the amount of the outlawed coupons under the Wickham act. So it will be seen that there is a difference in the construction placed upon the meaning of the Riddleberger act. The indications are favorable that some understanding will be reached as a result of this interview.

The Winston Nine.

WINSTON, N. C., May 2.—[Special]—The books of the Winston Baseball Association have been turned over to Treasurer Baily, who will proceed in a few days to make collections from those who have taken stock in the association. After the money is collected the organization will be perfected at once. Roanoke and Richmond, Va., Columbia and Charleston, S. C., and several other teams will likely cross bats with our boys before the season is over.

Burial of Gen. A. L. Long.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., May 2.—[Special]—The funeral of Gen. A. L. Long was held at 11 o'clock to-day. All business was suspended. The funeral was attended by thousands. John Bowie Camp of Confederate Veterans and the Monticello Guards conducted the obsequies. The funeral discourse was delivered by Dr. Hancock, of Christ Church. General Long was given a military burial.

A Very Complete Affair.

MIDDLESBOROUGH, May 2.—[Special]—At Walnut Hills, Va., near Middlesborough, yesterday, two notorious outlaws named Jackson and Crabtree, between whom an old quarrel existed, met in the street, drew revolvers, fired simultaneously and both died instantly. Jackson was shot through the heart and Crabtree through the brain.

Wreck on the Petersburg and Weldon. PETERSBURG, Va., April 2.—[Special]—A southbound freight train on the Atlantic Coast Line was wrecked at midnight last night near Stony Creek station on the Petersburg and Weldon railroad. Six cars were demolished. The northbound passenger train was delayed several hours.

The Weather.

Forecast: For Virginia, showery; warmer by Sunday night; south winds.